ABSTRACT

Inbound messages are reformatted so that they are compatible with a user interface and database found in a local area network. Local software provides a user interface with a message display area. The format of the area includes parameters such as line length and displayable lines. A user receives a message by electronic mail, copies it, and attempts to paste it into the message display area. The message is automatically reformatted according to the parameters of the message display area format. This displays the message without distortion and impediment upon other elements of the interface. The reformatted message can also be saved in the database and will appear in the correct format when it is retrieved.